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China Awakens to the World



Grapevine reporter Gerry L. Galvan and wife Violet stopped to pose with a fellow tourist by one of 16 palaces at the Forbidden City in Beijing.

By Gerry L. Galvan

People of mainland China, notably the Mandarins in Beijing (formerly Peking) and Shanghai, have enjoyed a good life since 1979 when China reopened its doors to the outside world for the first time since 1949 when Mao Zedong and his Communist Party took control of the nation's political and economic reins.

Such was the impression of China to your reporter who went on an 11-day tour of six cities in this erstwhile closed society with my wife and a group of 24 U.S. tourists, mostly from the Bay Area.

The six cities—Shanghai, Kuzhou, Yishui, Tainan in Shandong province, Jinan and Beijing, offer tourists the best in Oriental civilization, hospitality, food, history, art, culture and gesture in communicating.

China has been and still is predominantly a Buddhist nation with large sprinkling of Taoism and Confucianism. Of the current 1.3 billion people living in the country, about two percent are Christian.

During one of our bus tours in Beijing, your reporter requested our national tour guide, Yang Cheng, take us to a Christian church. Yang politely but firmly turned down my request saying, "Christian churches are closed today." It was a Thursday.

China is changing its ways. Xu Fei, deputy general manager of the China Shandong Tourism Corporation, who hosted a banquet for our group at the Jinan Hotel, said, "Political and economic policy changes are inevitable in China." Fei is right. China is changing for the better. Slowly but impressively.

Credit is given at this time to tourism and trade for the prosperous and

comfortable human existence in mainland China. China's economy is sound. With a strong currency (8.23 Yuan to the U.S. dollar), minimum unemployment, and the country at peace, the national standard of living has been pushed to a level described as comfortably egalitarian.

Communists in China view their politics and economics as better, if not best among the world's best. As our national tour guide, Yang Cheng said, "Our automobile industry is the best around." And our group did see many cars competing for room on their streets, avenues and the nation's six-year-old freeways although your reporter didn't see one American-made motor vehicle.

Except for Japan and Singapore, China is the most prosperous country in the region, topping her neighbors in gross national product, and in per capita income.

Tourism's role in China's economy is significant, with country has a lot to offer anyone touring cities and the countryside. Foremost of these tourist attractions are the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City, and the Summer Palaces, not to mention scores more. The Great Wall, a 1,500 mile fortress cascading over rugged mountains and awesome terrain, was commenced by rulers of Ancient China to be constructed as deterrents to invading Mongolians. The Forbidden City is a lavish display of royal power and taste in 16 magnificent imperial palaces. These 9,000-room edifices have stood majestically for more than 500 years. And the Summer Palaces served as vacation retreats for the empresses during the hot months of the years.

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Valley's NERT Classes To Begin in January At Middle School

Visitation Valley Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) training will be held on Thursday nights from Jan. 8 through Feb. 12 at Visitation Valley Middle School (VVMs), 450 Raymond St. Classes will begin at 6:30 p.m.

There is plenty of free parking available at the school.

Sponsored by the S.F. Fire Department and taught by S.F. firefighters, the goal of NERT training is to *do the most good for the most people* by helping citizens of San Francisco to be self-sufficient in a major disaster through development of multi-functional teams cross trained in basic skills.

NERT training consists of six classes, each about 3 hours in length covering: earthquake preparedness, utility (gas, water, electricity) control, fire fighting equipment and techniques, hazardous materials, the ABC of disaster medicine and triage, building damage recognition and light search and rescue techniques, NERT team organization and management, and the City's disaster plan.

In the last class, participants will be able to practice their skills by extinguishing a fire, turning off a gas valve, treating injured victims, extricating a victim trapped by heavy timbers, performing an interior search for missing persons and performing an exterior building damage assessment.

Enroll by contacting the S.F. Fire Department NERT Office, 260 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102-3706 at 558-3456.

Community Boards Again Wrapping And Rapping

Community Boards (CB), a 21-year-old dispute and resolution organization, continues this year's *Wrap and Rap* fundraising and promotional event at the Barnes & Noble Booksellers located at 2552 Taylor St.

For the third consecutive year, CB board members, staff and volunteers will continue wrapping holiday gifts at no charge and informing the public about CB's services to City residents, schools nationwide, juvenile correctional facilities and the workplace on Dec. 14, 20, 21, 22 and 23, after starting Nov. 29. Donations will go towards supporting the organization's programs.

"This event is beneficial in a myriad of ways," said Hilda Gutierrez Baldoquin, acting executive director of CB. "This is not only an opportunity to raise much needed money, but also an opportunity to build relationships with people that can support as well as utilize our services. Additionally, this event will provide a great team-building experience for our volunteers to work together."

Among its programs, CB provides mediation service at no cost and training to City residents who want to volunteer to help others resolve their disputes. Mediation is held in donated sites throughout the City, facilitated by volunteers who represent the diversity of San Francisco. Mediators deal with conflicts involving fights, harassment, noise, property use, property damage, money, interpersonal issues, miscommunication, landlord/tenant disagreements, pets and more. CB also trains schools nationwide to implement conflict resolution programs using the Whole School Approach and sells curricula and training materials for grades kindergarten through 12.

Valley Will Have Its Own Day Of Dialogue on Race Relations

Visitation Valley will have its own *Day of Dialogue* in when *The National Days of Dialogue on Race Relations* occurs next Jan. 14-19.

Scheduled in almost two dozen urban locations across the country, organizers in various communities are hoping the informal discussions will encourage all participants to pool their ideas into a cohesive plan to inch closer to racial unity. Some are hopeful the candid exchange of ideas could commence neighborhood activities designed to bring neighbors closer together.

But the neighbors must first be open to the dialogue, explained Rita Adrian

of Community Boards in a recent interview with USA Today. A Valley resident who will help organize the local event, she related an optimistic view that the neighborhood could collectively function much better as a society if some residents would communicate more with each other and be just a little less aggressive in their attitude.

Concluding on the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday next month, the *Days of Dialogue* are an answer to President Clinton's request that people of different ethnicity might overcome their differences in opinion by merely expressing their views.

Sub-Committees Will Help Task Force Settle Bylaws, Establish Safety Program

Visitation Valley Task Force (VVTF) created two new sub-committees and restarted an older one as members began to tackle internal issues which had plagued proceedings in recent months.

Hoping to unsnarl several uncertainties in the rules governing the organization, the *Bylaws Committee* consisting of Rita Adrian, Julie Kavanagh, Ralph Oroquita and Judith Sandoval first met on Nov. 19 to begin determining the debated document.

Also established is a new *Evaluation Committee* consisting of Dr. John Flores, Judith Sandoval and Marlene Tran which will monitor various neighborhood programs. Such evaluation was deemed necessary because of issues raised by several neighborhood residents regarding allocation of gov-

ernment funds.

VVTF members also agreed to reestablish the *Safety Sub-Committee* which originally began in January 1996 and had a series of productive monthly meetings generating a wide array of ideas before a hiatus last winter. *Safety* members include: Rita Adrian, Julie Kavanagh, Ralph Oroquita, Al Thomas, Bill Threadgill and Marlene Tran and first met on Nov. 24.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

A motion was made to consider moving the *public comment* segment of the Task Force meetings from the end of the proceedings to maximize the number of prospective attendees. Members of the neighborhood would be allowed to voice their opinions and make an-

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Weekly Siren in the Valley



Vincent Gagliardo contacted another React member from Visitation Valley Elementary School on Schwerin Street.

By Gerry L. Galvan

Every Tuesday at 12:01 p.m., Visitation Valley residents hear a sound resembling a wartime air raid siren.

This siren blast is produced through a San Francisco city government program called Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) which caters to five other siren sites in the City and works under an umbrella of the Mayor's Office of Emergency Services. In the Valley, the ACS siren is perched atop the Elementary School, at 55 Schwerin St. in the center of the neighborhood.

Some local residents contribute their spare time playing a major role in the ACS program by detecting and pinpointing trouble areas in the City. Data is they relayed to the system's nerve center in downtown San Francisco. If needed, sirens positioned at appropriate locations can sound a warning to the populace.

Such calamities as fire, earthquake, flood, gang or family-related violence, traffic disasters, or vehicular accidents are reasons for a React call. ACS also prides in the ability to respond to a foreign aggressor's armed attack.

Valley resident Vincent Gagliardo is a charter member of *React of the Golden Gate Area, Inc.*, a 21-member club having volunteered to work alongside ACS. React members patrol the City in their own private vehicles operating their own equipment to do a civic job of detecting and reporting problems. Gagliardo's car is equipped with sophisticated communication equipment.

"React of the Golden Gate Area, Inc. members are alert 24 hours a day," Gagliardo told *Grapevine* while demonstrating how the program works.

Founded on a concept of helping those in need of assistance, *React* works under *React International*, founded in 1962 by a group of civic-spirited citizens who met in Illinois during the club's inception and initial operation.

Locally, *React* received its charter papers in 1964, which is when Gagliardo became an active member. Now retired, he has always been on his *React* feet, so to speak, patrolling Visitation Valley streets and communicating with peers while reporting neighborhood issues and problems.

Grapevine Mailbox



Review Needed of RFP Funds from Enterprise Community

Following is a letter sent Nov. 22 to the S.F. Enterprise Community Board (SFEC) of the Mayor's Office of Community Development (MOCD) concerning past SFEC funding.

Dear MOCD Staff and Members of the SFEC Board:

I am writing as a member of the Visitacion Valley Task Force and Spokesman for the Review Team that evaluated the Safety Program priority outcome for the second funding cycle. The last phase of this priority outcome had a very negative effect on the Task Force and the public that attends the meetings.

The attached letters were written to the Task Force, Beacon Center and the Community Center and are intended to bring this matter to closure. Many serious allegations and counter allegations were presented to the SFEC Board. Misuse of SFEC funds and preferential allocations are serious allegations. This issue must be resolved because it questions the honesty and integrity of all the members of the Task Force.

Almost half the 21 member Task Force have benefitted from the SFEC funding through wages and/or by creating new or expanding programs within their organizations/institutions. A committee of Task Force members that did not benefit from SFEC funding will be formed to review two of the programs that had the most allegations of misuse of funds.

The lack of review of SFEC funded programs by the Task Force has increased the possibility that funds could have been used for purposes that were not covered by the submitted budget of the priority outcome or their could have been overpayments for goods and/or services.

The program review process should have been followed by the Task Force. An oral and written disclosure statement should have been given by any Task Force member, member of the SFEC Board, or SFEC proposal reviewer when he/she started receiving wages or a contract paid with SFEC funds. Any major changes in the proposal budget should also have been reported to the Task Force. Disclosure should have been given as soon as possible any time during the funding cycle at a general monthly meeting.

The results of this review will be forwarded to MOCD and the SFEC Board.

To the Visitacion Valley Task Force

Dear Members of the Task Force:

I am writing the Task Force to request that a review committee be formed to review two of the San Francisco Enterprise Community funded programs. The Task Force as the Neighborhood Planning Body is responsible for: Neighborhood Benchmarks; development of Priority Outcomes; development of Requests for Proposal; reviewing RFPs for funding recommendations; overseeing the funded programs; and overseeing the expenditures of SFEC funds.

Many issues, allegations, and counter allegations were created during the appeal process for the Safety Program. The appeal was presented by Ms. Marlene Tran and Ms. Winnie Tsang for Visitacion Valley Bilingual Education, Supportive Services and Training (VVBESST). The other organization that submitted a Request for Proposal

in the Safety Program was the El Dorado School Neighborhood Betterment Council (ESNBC) represented by Mr. Joel Tate and Mr. William Threadgill.

Allegations of misuse of SFEC funds by members of the Task Force for equipment and unwarranted consultant fees have questioned the integrity of the entire Task Force. It is time to stop these rumors and accusations by an immediate review of these two programs.

The Review Committee should be composed of Task Force members that did not receive any SFEC funds to start programs, and/or expand programs at their centers or institutions, or as wages.

The best way to maintain the respect and trust of the public is to immediately review any policies or programs that are endorsed by the Task Force and have been questioned as to the motives of such actions.

To Reba Rose, director of Visitacion Valley Community Beacon Center

Dear Ms. Rose:

I am writing as a member of the Task Force that has evaluated past Beacon/VVBESST ESL programs and I was a spokesman for the review team that evaluated the Visitacion Valley Safety Program Priority Outcome. Various issues, allegations, and counter allegations were presented during an appeal process concerning the Safety Program.

The Task Force as the Neighborhood Planning Body is responsible for: Neighborhood Benchmarks; development of Priority Outcomes; development of Requests for Proposal; reviewing RFPs for funding recommendations; overseeing the funded programs; and overseeing the expenditures of San Francisco Enterprise Community funds.

The Task Force has been lacks in its duty to review all the SFEC funded programs as it was mandated to do. The purpose for such review was to prevent rumors, accusations or the misuse of SFEC funds. Several times during the year I have tried to restart the review process. The best way to maintain public trust and respect is to immediately review any policies or programs that are questioned by members of the Task Force or the public.

The Beacon Center can assist the Task Force by providing any Beacon/VVBESST-ESL second funding cycle program's: evaluations; statistics; reports; proposed budget; actual budget final report; and time sheets.

A committee of the Task Force will be formed to review the program documents. Please contact me when the documents are ready. The Community Center, as fiscal agent, is in the process of compiling the financial statements.

Sing Yourself into The Holiday Spirit

Students and friends will join Dr. Helen Dilworth from City College for a spirited afternoon of group singing, solos and ensembles at the Pilgrim Church, 400 Randolph St. on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 4 p.m.

Words will be provided for such holiday favorites as *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, *Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire*, and *Joy to the World* along with refreshments in this "Sing Yourself" benefit for the Pilgrim Church's piano fund.

Students of Dr. Dilworth recently displayed their singing talents at a coffee house adjacent to City College, where a recital will be held Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in A133.

Waste Wise Holiday Ideas at War Memorial

Find out how you can enjoy a holiday season that is friendly to both your pocketbook and the environment. Drop by the War Memorial Hall. In the lobby area, treat your eyes to a multi-colored visual display of ideas for holiday gifts and decorations. In addition, get ideas on tree ornaments from the live, potted Colorado Spruce trees decorated with ornaments made by San Francisco school children from discarded materials. For more holiday waste prevention ideas, get a copy of the *Eco Holiday Guide*, an ECOlogical and ECONomical guide to the holiday season at the exhibit, or call the San Francisco Recycling Program Hotline at 554-RECYcle.

To Julia Kavanagh, executive director of Visitacion Valley Community Center

Dear Ms. Kavanagh:

I am writing as a member of the Visitacion Valley Task Force and the Spokesman for the Review Team that evaluated the Visitacion Valley Safety Program priority outcome.

Many issues, allegations, and counter allegations were created during the appeal process for the Safety Program. The appeal was presented by Ms. Marlene Tran and Ms. Winnie Tsang for Visitacion Valley Bilingual Education, Supportive Services and Training (VVBESST). The other organization that submitted a Request for Proposal in the Safety Program was the El Dorado School Neighborhood Betterment Council (ESNBC) represented by Mr. Joel Tate and Mr. William Threadgill.

There are many allegations about the motives for the Task Force and the Review Team recommending \$34,333 in SFEC funding and the collaboration of the two organizations. Many serious allegations were presented to the SFEC Board and counter allegations have been made by other Task Force members. Misuse of SFEC funds is a serious allegation that must be resolved.

A complete and comprehensive accounting of the Merchant Association Program 905 expenditures of \$26,911 and the Beacon ESL Program 620 expenditures of \$69,545 should be provided for the inspection of the Task Force. A summary of the checks for these expenditures should list the payee, the amount, and the reason for the expenditure. The proposed budgets, actual budgets, time cards, minutes of meetings, and final reports for these programs should also be included in this review. Please request that the Community Center's Accountant Ms. Joan Simpson and Bookkeeper Ms. April Wan provide the necessary accounting documents to the Task Force.

Thank you for your time,
Ralph Oroquita

Science and Sport at the Exploratorium

LIVE WITH BEAKMAN

Get in on the process of creating a brand new Beakman show. Paul Zaloom, star of the popular CBS kids' show, *Beakman's World* (KPIX, Saturdays, 7 a.m.) appears live at the Exploratorium Jan. 10.

He promises to captivate viewers with lively science explorations like the ones performed on his show. He will also gather from the audience suggestions for a new live Beakman show currently in development.

Three shows, at 11 a.m., 1:30 and 4 p.m. in the Exploratorium's McBean Theater will allow the public to participate in the development of the shows and view how a fun, educational show evolves.

Beakman's World is based on an internationally syndicated Sunday cartoon strip that helps kids and adults around the world understand basic scientific principles through colorful, easy-to-do experiments with household objects. Jok Church, creator of the strip, says of the Beakman day at the Exploratorium "Beakman had truly come home. The cartoon strip was inspired by the Exploratorium, where how the world works is made exciting yet obvious with the use of one part self-discovery, one part experimentation, and three parts fun. Instead of getting a job there, I translated the essence of the place into another medium."

The science demonstrations were created in collaboration with Exploratorium teachers. This event is free with museum admission.

SPORT!

At Sport! at the Exploratorium through Jan. 8, 1998, try pitching a baseball the regulation distance of 60 feet, or experience the thrills of rock climbing on an indoor rock wall. Spin like an ice skater or walk a balance

beam or hurl at 100+ miles an hour in an Olympic bobsled on a special effects track. In short, discover the excitement, challenge, psychology and science of a sport as you play.

Klutzes, couch potatoes and competitive athletes alike will be cheered and coached by the principles of angular momentum, the theories of gravity and the complexities of human perception as they get involved in pitching, jumping, climbing or spinning. Special weekend events cover everything from figure skating to baseball, from rock climbing to outrigger canoeing, from hockey to bicycling, from surfing to wheelchair racing.

Lectures, forums, films and presentations on themes such as women and sports, sports and aging, and sports as a vehicle for educational reform are all a part of the exhibition, along with the new Exploratorium web site devoted to *Sport!* at <http://www.exploratorium.edu/sport>. It is on now featuring the topics of Hockey, developed with the participation of the San Jose Sharks, Cycling, and Baseball.

For more information, call the Exploratorium at (415) 563-7337.

Positive Atmosphere at Village Youth Council

Providing a positive atmosphere in Visitacion Valley, the Village Youth Council provides young adults with knowledge systems to facilitate positive mental attitudes.

Located at 333 Schwerin St. inside the *Village*, the organization replaces the former youth services provided by Geneva Towers with activities and experiences encouraging independence, resourcefulness, competition and compassion.

Village Youth Council can be reached at 337-1035.

Visitacion Valley Grapevine is on the Internet along with Task Force updates and Merchants Association listings. Find it at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~visvalley>

TreeCycling Day is on ReCycling Day

This Year, Recycle Your Tree at the Curb.

Curbside: Your first recycling day after January 4th, by 6 a.m.

Apartments & Businesses: Your street's first residential recycling day after January 4th, by 6 a.m.

Just place your tree out on the curb.

- Trees only! No bases (metal or plastic), ornaments, tinsel, painted or flocked trees. Do not put your tree in a plastic bag.

- Trees on the curb on other days will become trash.

- If you need to recycle your tree before or after your designated TreeCycling day, or for more information, call the San Francisco Recycling Program Hotline at 554-RECYcle.



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Some imperial buildings in China have weathered time and the elements for thousands of years in their original state. For example, structures where Confucius conducted his teachings have been preserved and are still in excellent condition.

The refurbished house where Confucius and his wife spent hours of conversation and meditation are still standing the way they had towered hundreds upon hundreds of years ago. A 500-acre cemetery holds remains of the ancient philosopher, his wife and direct descendants with no other blood lineage remains having been buried there.

It's interesting to note that a Confucius 77th generation descendant is still alive and well, residing with his son and grandson in Hawaii.

In China today, if our 11-day experience in that country was any gauge, local, inter-provincial and national commute is not a problem. By the same token, travel to other countries including the U.S. is trouble free. Trains leave and arrive on time, although the railroads could benefit from having an adequate water supply for flushing in water closets.

Buses are just as punctual. Motorists who have multiplied tremendously during the past decade or so behave very admirably on the roads and other thoroughfares; so do bicyclists who still outnumber motor vehicle operators several times over.

China built its first freeways only six years ago. Prior to 1991, the limited number of automobiles used the narrow and antiquated streets. Thousands upon thousands of bicycles still dominate street use during commute hours.

Streets of the six cities my group toured were clean and appeared to be well-maintained. In Shanghai, which was the starting point of our 1,000 kilometers journey towards Beijing, our bus breezed smoothly along properly constructed and maintained inner streets. Except for a noticeable stench of mold on my bed, a three-leg Shanghai-to-Peking train commute was quite enjoyable. Coffee was available on a Shanghai-to-Sozhou train. On the Sozhou-to-Qufu mid-night train, we were provided with juice, coffee, crackers and donkey meat.

While still in Shanghai, our group was taken by local tour guide, Jimmie Wong to, among other interesting sites, the *bund*, a location on the city waterfront where tourists could easily see large scale construction on the other side of Yangtze River. The *bund*, according to Wong, has been a favorite attraction to tourists coming from all over the world.

Our trip to China was a God-given gift to my wife and myself. She chanced on an inconspicuous ad in a San Francisco daily newspaper which outlined a tour to China. A series of telephone calls to its promoter, *China Focus*, and at least two visits to the agency's downtown San Francisco office set the stage for Violet and myself.

We left on board *Air China's* Flight 986 with 24 other U.S. *China Focus* tourists, all previously unknown to one another. It was a fun trip most of our friends, including an airline employee, couldn't believe to be possible. I personally didn't believe it to be realistic until our passports were collected and luggage checked in, as a number of elements told me our upcoming trip to Communist China was mythical and a figment of the imagination.

Just 36 hours before our Nov. 11 departure, my wife had discovered my 10-year-valid passport had expired on April 27, 1997. A U.S. passport services office on Hawthorne Street in the City helped me solve this dilemma by quickly processing my application so I could pick up my new passport at 3 p.m. Nov. 10.

And it was true. Our trip did materialized as our 747 jumbo jet plane



In Beijing, Gerry L. Galvan stands on the spot in Tiananmen Square where communist soldiers massacred hundreds of protesting students in 1989.



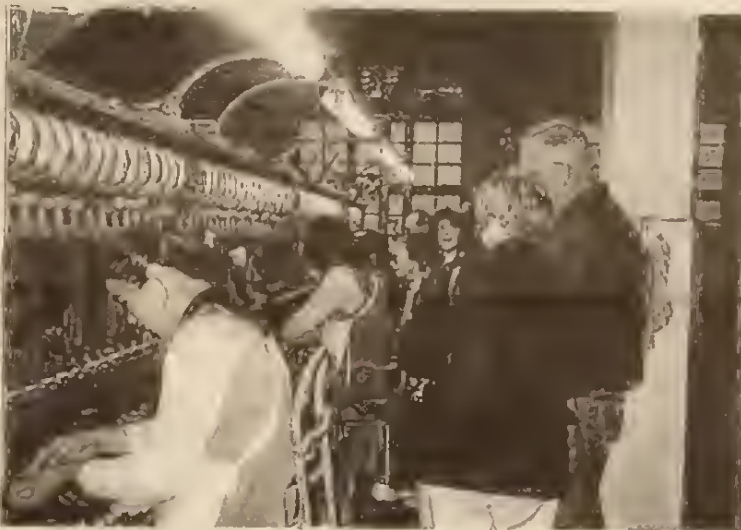
Violet Galvan stands on the "bund" at the waterfront in Shanghai. In the background are buildings of the bustling construction across the Yangtze River.



Gerry and Violet Galvan stopped for a quick picture on their trek to the uppermost portion of the Great Wall.



Part of the tour found visitors taking a boat ride on a canal in Suzhou.



Tourists visited a silk weaving plant in Suzhou.



Pottery making was also inspected along the way.

zoomed to the heights, was afloat for 11 hours and touched down at Beijing Airport for a one hour stopover.

After an irritatingly unforeseen 90 minute delay, Flight 986 finally departed for an hour-and-a-half flight to Shanghai.

China, it seems, is now starting to adopt a capitalist approach to business, with government having become deeply involved in the tourism industry with our 11-day journey an eloquent demonstration of heavy Communist Party involvement. *China Focus* receives unlimited support from the *Shandong Tourism Corporation* on one hand, and the local tourist guides association on the other. *Shandong* is a Communist government-owned property while the local tourist guides association boasts membership of Communist card-bearing operators. *China Focus* is semi-government.

Slowly but surely, Communist China is becoming more Western in outlook and business practices than some western countries which are trying to outdo one another in imitating the Communists on regimented economy and business intervention by the state.

As a first-time American tourist to China, I noticed: restaurant waitresses (there are few waiters) expect no tip; hotel chambermaids are given tips; and beggars are more an exception than common.

Restaurant management must also learn a simple Western practice of providing diners with a serving spoon. Such Chinese nationals' argument that hosts and fellow diners are insulted when one refuses to partake of

food that has been dug into with active chopsticks has no place in a group of diners of Western upbringing and understanding.

One should also carry cash if possible. Spending travelers checks in China is irritatingly expensive. I cashed a \$50 travelers check at one of the hotels my group and I were staying and was charged almost six dollars for a quick and simple transaction.

In the not-too-distant past, Communist China's intervention in the lives of the people was visibly demonstrated with a display and use of its huge military. During our 11-day tour of the country, we saw a very tiny sprinkling of Chinese soldiers but semi-armed guards at the foot of a Buddhist sacred mountain and at the entrance to the Great Wall didn't indicate any imposing muscle at all.

Your reporter asked Yang Cheng what happened to the army. "The Chinese army has shrunk to three million now," he said. "The bulk is scattered along the borders by India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh. The army will shrink further to a mere million soon."

Except for Bangladesh, China has no confrontational threat from other countries.

And blessed with a determined population, well-positioned ports like Hong Kong and Shanghai, huge territory, rich history, cultural background, and competitive educational and intellectual attributes, China will eventually blaze a business and economic path of an era.

Once nicknamed "sleeping giants"



Beijing streets now have much more motor vehicle traffic.

by fellow Western journalists, China has awakened. It started flexing its muscles just two decades ago but this once-upon-a-time world recluse has its flesh, bone and blood rekindled and is hot for the exciting economic competition that lies ahead. It's the battle for equality and supremacy in an unhampered global business activity.

As China learns to adopt some Western business concepts, the nation demonstrates to the world that freedom surely brings miracles to the lives of its people, miracles brought forth by a free exchange of goods and services. And as China does this, it teaches other nations lessons on the power of free human spirit. China may not even know the business practices they have been doing since opening its door to the world in 1979 is free enterprise. But they see the difference.



A group of children greeted travelers as they arrived at their hotel.

Photos: Gerry L. Galvan

Valley Task Force

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nouncements without having to wait until the end of a meeting.

NEW MEMBER

A motion was made and accepted to name Robert Ehrle to a vacated *Community Based Organization (CBO)* post representing the Enterprise Community.

MERCHANTS AND SURVEYS

In updating a recent series of meet-

ings with Leland Avenue merchants, Gloria Woo of the Mayor's Office of Community Development reported that 21 of 39 local merchants responded to an neighborhood survey asking their opinion for improvements to the district's business area. She also suggested that outreach for future meetings could also be accomplished by phone or a personal visit.

Information taken from the returned merchant surveys is being compiled by the Public Research Institute at San Francisco State University, as are returned resident surveys asking questions about neighborhood conditions and improvements which numbered 240 at the Nov. 15 meeting. Residents were able to return their completed surveys to more than a dozen organizations and businesses located in Visitacion Valley.

NEXT MEETING

Next VVTF meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 13, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Visitacion Valley Community Center gymnasium, 50 Raymond Ave. (near Bayshore Boulevard).

Planetarium Show At Randall Museum

A *Star Lab* for novice astronomers will be held at the Randall Museum on Dec. 30 at 10 and 11 a.m., 12 noon and 1 p.m. This planetarium show will identify some of the constellations and how they got their names. Space is limited to 25 people per show and seats cost \$4-10 a person sliding scale. Sign-ups start 30 minutes before each show, or pre-register. Call 554-9600.

NERT TRAINING PROGRAM

The main goal of the NERT program is to help the citizens of San Francisco to be self-sufficient in a major disaster by developing multi-functional teams that are cross trained in basic skills.

Class #1

*Earthquake type, magnitude, history and probability

*How to prepare before it happens

*What to do when the shaking starts

Class #2

*When and how to shut off gas, water, electricity

*Fire extinguishers

*Hazardous material awareness

Class #3

*Disaster medicine

*Triage...how to decide who to treat and when

*Care of minor injuries

Class #4

*Building damage recognition

*Light search and rescue techniques

*Lifting heavy objects

Class #5

*Team organization and management

*The City's disaster plan

*Disaster psychology

*Table-top exercise

Class #6

*Extinguishing fires

*Treating injured victims

Extraction of a victim trapped by heavy timbers

*Interior search for missing persons

*Exterior building damage assessment

*Award of Achievement

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COME TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

Thanksgiving Gathering Also Celebrates Retirement

By Gerry L. Galvan

Greetings and felicitations!

Such were the words expressed by family members, close and distant relatives and friends of St. James Presbyterian Church Elder Ray Esplana who was feted on the occasion of his retirement from his job of 30 years.

Envisioned by Mrs. Raquel Saludo Esplana, the Esplana/Saludo fete was a consortium celebration of Ray's retirement, Thanksgiving, and the birthday of Ray's nephew, Wayne.

It was solemnized as a formal spiritual service with St. James Preshytarian Church Pastor Jerry O. Resus at church setting helm.

To properly and adequately observe the 1997 Thanksgiving Day as it related to Ray Esplana's retirement and Wayne's birthday, Dr. Resus saw it proper to ask the family and some close Esplana friends to say a few words on thanksgiving.

Responding to the invitation to speak, one member addressed the Pastor, "I'm thankful to God for my family. I thank God that I'm a Christian. I'm thankful that I've had such friends as you and your family. I'm thankful for the Esplanas, the Saludos, Razons, Norman/Violetta Esplana Reyeses, etc. as among our many friends."

Concluding the *thank yous*, he said, "I'm thankful for my health" and "I thank God for my sanity" before the retiree faced the testimony giver and commented, "You said it all, my friend."

Meanwhile, the Pastor and a number of congregation members including youth, have commenced the customary *hanging of the greens*, a yearly Church activity.



Family and friends joined retiree Ray Esplana for a celebration.



Ray Esplana took a second from culinary duties to pose with wife Raquel.

-Gerry L. Galvan

Hit-and-Run Halts Grapevine Delivery

A *Grapevine* worker distributing copies of the November issue was slightly injured Nov. 10 when a motorist heading eastbound at a reckless speed on Leland Ave. rolled through a stop sign and struck the delivery vehicle negotiating a left turn from Desmond Street before backing from

the wreckage and fleeing the scene.

Several witnesses observed the rust-colored car involved speed away at about 4:45 p.m., leaving a large section of its front end in the intersection after severely damaging the *Grapevine* vehicle.

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SCHLAGE LOCK/FORMER PACIFIC LITHOGRAPH SITE

Fact Sheet and Notice of Public Comment Period

December 1997

Introduction

The California Environmental Protection Agency's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has prepared this fact sheet to provide information on remedial alternatives being considered for soil contaminated with chlorinated solvents at the Schlage Lock/former Pacific Lithograph site in San Francisco. Detailed information on these remedial alternatives is also presented in the Draft Removal Action Workplan which is now available for public review and comment. A proposed Negative Declaration, prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is also available for public review and comment. Information on the public comment period is provided in the box to the right. This fact sheet also provides information on the history of the site, contamination at the site, and how you can get more information about this project. Technical terms used in this fact sheet are defined in the glossary and are printed in italics the first time they appear in the text.

Site Description and History

The site consists of properties located at 2401 and 2555 Bayshore Boulevard and is located between Arleta and Sunnydale Avenues in the Visitacion Valley area of San Francisco. The building at 2555 Bayshore is currently vacant and the buildings at 2401 Bayshore Boulevard are occupied by the Schlage Lock Company (Schlage).

Schlage began manufacturing door knobs and hardware at the 2401 Bayshore property in 1926. The manufacturing process included stamping and machining metal alloys, polishing steel parts, and cleaning brass and bronze parts. Electroplating of brass and bronze parts was also done at the facility. The decorative plating and polishing operations at the facility ceased in 1977, but the electroplating operation continues at the 2401 Bayshore facility.

Schlage purchased the 2555 Bayshore property from Southern Pacific Railroad in the early 1950s and manufactured door hardware there for approximately 27 years. Around 1963, Schlage converted the northeast corner of the building into two rooms: the Degreasing Room and the Strip Room. Chlorinated solvents were used in these rooms for stripping and degreasing hardware. Chlorinated solvents may also have been stored or handled at the building's loading dock. In 1980, Schlage sold the 2555 Bayshore property to the Pacific Lithograph Company, which operated a printing facility there until 1993. In 1995, Touch-Plate International, a subsidiary of Schlage, purchased the property from Pacific Lithograph.

In 1993, soil testing done at the 2555 Bayshore property revealed elevated concentrations of two chlorinated solvents: *perchloroethene (PCE)* and *trichloroethene (TCE)*. Chlorinated solvents are a type of *Volatile Organic Compound (VOC)*. Additional soil and groundwater testing done at the site in 1994 and 1995 showed elevated levels of these solvents in shallow soil in two areas: beneath the Degreasing and Strip Rooms, and in the loading dock area. PCE and TCE contamination in the soil has also affected groundwater in the vicinity of the Degreasing and Strip rooms, the loading dock, and the maintenance shed. (Groundwater contamination at the site will be addressed at a later time.)

Remedial activities will occur in the near future in three areas of the site: the Strip and Degreasing Rooms in the 2555 Bayshore building, the loading dock area on the east side of the building, and the maintenance shed behind the Schlage facility at 2401 Bayshore (see Figure 1).

Public Comment Period

DTSC is seeking public input on the Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Schlage Lock/former Pacific Lithograph site and on the associated proposed Negative Declaration. DTSC is holding a 30-day public comment period, which starts on 12/10/1997 and ends 1/10/1998.

The Draft RAW and proposed Negative Declaration are available for public review at the following locations:

DTSC	San Francisco Public Library
700 Heinz Avenue	Visitacion Valley Branch
Berkeley, CA 94710	45 Leland Avenue
(510) 540-3845	San Francisco, CA
	(415) 337-4790

Visitacion Valley Community Center
50 Raymond Avenue
San Francisco, CA
(415) 467-6400

DTSC will consider all public comments it receives prior to making a final decision. Written comments must be postmarked by January 10, 1998 and should be mailed to:

Ben Hargrove
DTSC Project Officer
Department of Toxic Substances Control
700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200
Berkeley, CA 94710

Health Risk Study

A health risk evaluation was done for the site in 1996, before the most contaminated soil was removed (see "Remedial Activities Already Conducted at the Site" below). The health study evaluated the possible risk to humans and wildlife from the chlorinated solvents in soil and groundwater at the site. The study found that contamination at the site did not pose a direct health threat to community residents, but did pose a threat to groundwater in the site vicinity. Contaminants in groundwater could pose a public health threat if ingested or inhaled. Groundwater at the site is not currently used for drinking water.

Remedial Activities Already Conducted at the Site

In 1996, under the terms of an earlier *Removal Action Workplan (RAW)* approved by DTSC, Schlage removed three sumps from beneath the Stripping/Degreasing Room area of the building, as well as the contaminated soil around the sumps. The excavation was successful in removing the most contaminated soil. Testing done afterwards, however, showed that elevated concentrations of PCE and TCE still remained in shallow soil underneath the Strip and Degreasing Rooms. Additional digging was not possible at that time, however, since it would have threatened the stability of the building.

Evaluation of the Remedial Alternatives

In order to remediate the remaining contaminated soil at the site, an additional RAW has been developed. This workplan sets the cleanup goal for soil at the site at 1 milligram per kilogram (mg/kg) for total VOCs, in order to protect groundwater. Five different remedial alternatives were evaluated in the Draft RAW and a preferred alternative was recommended. The five alternatives are summarized below:

Alternative 1: No Action. This alternative would leave the site in its present condition. DTSC requires evaluation of this alternative to establish a baseline against which all other alternatives can be compared.

Alternative 2: Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE). This alternative would use vacuum equipment to extract vapors containing VOCs from the soil. Once the vapors have been extracted, they would be passed through granular activated carbon where the VOCs would be removed. The resulting treated air would be released into the atmosphere.

Alternative 3: Excavation and Thermal Desorption. This alternative would involve removing the remaining contaminated soil and treating it on-site with low-temperature heat. In order to continue excavation, however, extensive foundation and wall supports, and excavation shoring would first have to be installed. VOC vapors would be

treated as in Alternative 2. Treated air would be released to the atmosphere and treated soil would be replaced into the excavated area.

Alternative 4: Excavation and Incineration. This alternative is similar to Alternative 3, except that the soil treatment method would be high temperature incineration done at the site.

Alternative 5: Excavation and Aeration. This alternative is similar to Alternative 3, except that after the contaminated soil was excavated, it would be spread on a plastic liner in order to allow the VOCs to evaporate. The soil would be covered with plastic, as necessary, to protect it from wind and rain and to control the rate of evaporation.

Recommended Remedial Alternative

All of the alternatives were evaluated as to their effectiveness in removing the contamination, ease of implementation, and cost. If approved by DTSC in final form, implementation of the selected alternative(s) could begin by mid-1998.

Strip and Degreasing Rooms: The Draft RAW selects **Alternative 2 as the preferred alternative for the Strip and Degreasing Room area.** This alternative would provide both long- and short-term protection of human health and the environment. It would also comply with both state and federal regulations designed to protect the health and safety of workers and the public during implementation of the alternative.

Maintenance Shed and Loading Dock Areas: Prior to final selection of remedial alternatives for the maintenance shed and loading dock areas, additional sampling will be conducted to determine the volume of contaminated soils to be cleaned up. Depending on the volume of contaminated soil in these areas, the **Draft RAW selects the following alternatives for the maintenance shed and loading dock areas: Alternative 1** (if there is no soil with contamination above the cleanup level), **Alternative 2** (if the volume of contaminated soil is large) or **Alternative 5** (if the volume is not enough to warrant an SVE system). Alternatives 2 and 5 are cost-effective for different amounts of soil, but both are equally protective of human health and the environment, and both comply with state and federal regulations designed to protect the health and safety of workers and the public during implementation of the alternatives.

CEQA

DTSC has, in accordance with CEQA, evaluated the project to determine the potential environmental impacts of the proposed remedial plan. DTSC found that the proposed plan would improve environmental quality and, therefore, would have no negative impacts on the environment. A proposed Negative Declaration will be finalized after considering public comments.

Glossary

chlorinated solvents- Chemical compounds containing chlorine, such as PCE and TCE, which are toxic and can cause cancer.

milligram per kilogram (mg/kg)- A measure of the concentration of a substance that indicates how many parts of the substance are present in one million parts of soil or water.

perchloroethene (PCE)- Also called tetrachloroethene. A chlorinated solvent used in the industrial degreasing process. PCE is toxic and can cause cancer.

remedial activities- activities which remove, treat, isolate, or clean up contaminants to safe levels so that human health and the environment are protected.

Removal Action Workplan (RAW)- A plan, reviewed and approved by DTSC, which evaluates cleanup alternatives for a site. The RAW must also develop a preferred cleanup alternative and a method for implementing it.

sump- A tank used for collecting liquids.

trichloroethene (TCE)- A chlorinated solvent used in the industrial degreasing process. TCE is toxic and can cause cancer.

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)- Compounds containing carbon which evaporate readily at room temperature. VOCs are found in industrial solvents, degreasers, paint thinners and nail polish.

For More Information

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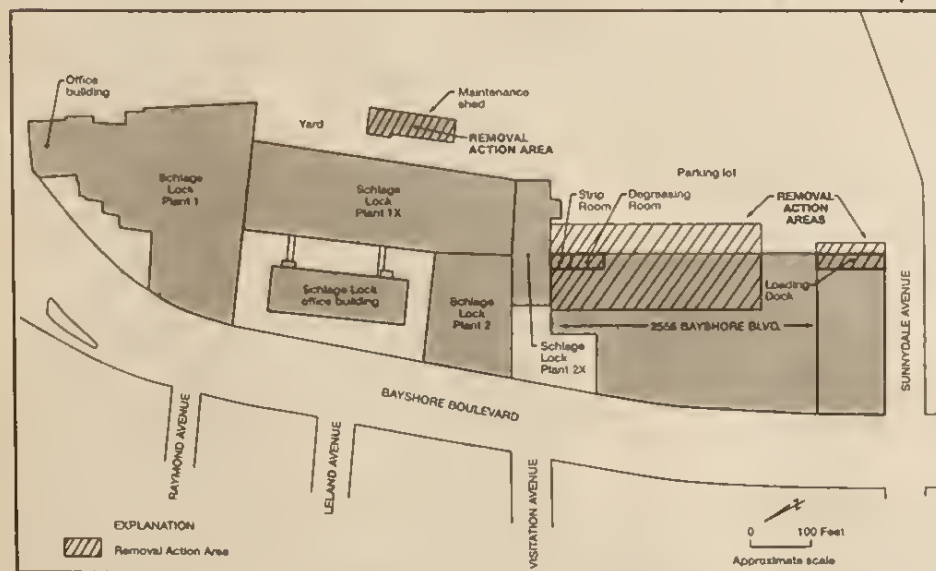


FIGURE 1. REMOVAL ACTION AREAS AT THE SITE.



Historic Proportions

Match clues to answers.
1969

1. On July 20, he took "one small step for man" on the moon.
2. *Record of the Year* at the Grammys.
3. It's Jan. 20 and the press isn't kicking him around.
4. Their 16-7 Super Bowl III victory was guaranteed.
5. *Miracle* of the 1969 World Series.
6. About 450,000 music lovers attend this three-day event beginning Aug. 15.
7. But this Dec. 8 concert draws 300,000 and plenty of problems.
8. First time we heard, "You've come a long way, baby."
9. Vietnam War protest across the nation on Oct. 15.
10. We first heard, "I'm a pickin' and I'm a grinnin'" on June 11. Top money-making movie of the year.
12. He was singing about *A Boy Named Sue*.
13. Neighbors share a medicine cabi-

net to advertise this product.

14. *Best Picture* at the Academy Awards.
15. Rooftop concert Jan. 30 was their last live performance.
16. Would you believe, *Best Comedy Series* at the June 8 Emmy Awards.
17. Champs of the NBA.
18. On Nov. 10, first show from this place.
- A. Right Guard
- B. Oliver!
- C. Hee-Haw
- D. Johnny Cash
- E. Richard Nixon
- F. Virginia Slims
- G. The Love Bug
- H. Sesame Street
- I. Boston Celtics
- J. Get Smart
- K. New York Mets
- L. Moratorium Day
- M. Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In
- N. Altamont
- O. New York Jets
- P. Neil Armstrong
- Q. The Beatles
- R. Woodstock

ANSWERS: 1-P, 2-M, 3-E, 4-O, 5-K, 6-R, 7-N, 8-F, 9-L, 10-C, 11-G, 12-D, 13-A, 14-B, 15-Q, 16-J, 17-I, 18-H.

This Month in S.F. History

- DECEMBER
1. In 1856, an association of several printers established the Daily Morning Call, publishing the newspaper six times a week.
 4. In 1915, the Panama Pacific Exposition closed its gates.
 8. In 1913, construction began on the Palace of Fine Arts for the Panama Pacific Exposition. In 1941, with the nation shocked by the December 7 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, San Francisco experienced its first wartime blackout at 6:15 p.m.
 10. In 1923, Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr. began publishing the San Francisco Illustrated Daily Herald, a one cent tabloid devoted to unsensational journalism.
 11. In 1914, the Stockton St. Tunnel - a 911-foot cut through Nob Hill between Sacramento and Sutter Sts. - was finished. Its completion was celebrated December 28, with Muni F-line streetcars running through it the next day. In 1975, the

- first mayoral runoff election in S.F. history resulted in George Moscone defeating John Barbagelata by 4,000 votes.
13. In 1976, ferryboats Golden Gate Bridge District ferries began operation on S.F. Bay with 582 passengers making the first trip.
21. In 1952, the twin-bore Broadway Tunnel was completed through Russian Hill between Powell and Larkin Sts.
24. In 1849, a severe fire caused more than \$1 million in damage, destroying the City's business district.
25. In 1871, construction began on S.F. City Hall at Market and McAllister Sts., to be eventually completed and opened more than 28 years later. In 1912, Muni began service with Mayor James Rolph operating the first streetcar on Geary St.
29. In 1956, after 44 years of streetcar service, the B-Geary line was replaced by 38 Geary busses.
30. In 1857, compilers of the first S.F. Directory estimated the City's total population at 60,500, including 15,000 females and 16,000 under age 21.

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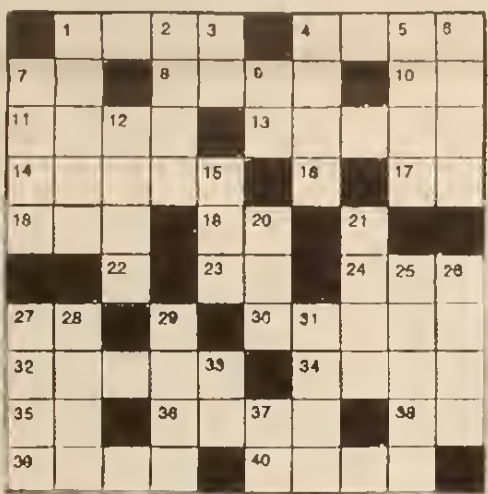
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Grapevine Crossword

- ACROSS
1. Abrade
 4. Type
 7. Residing
 8. Ordeal
 10. Under the Influence
 11. Finest
 13. Can
 14. Minimal
 16. Punt
 17. Electrical Engineer
 18. Tree
 19. Alternative
 22. 2nd vowel
 23. Post Office
 24. Consumed
 27. Degree
 30. Spin
 32. Ascend
 34. Artifact
 35. Cerium
 36. Wyatt
- DOWN
38. Negative
 39. Tough
 40. Dispatch
 1. Rail
 2. New Jersey
 3. District Attorney
 4. Halt
 5. Decree
 6. Current
 9. South Carolina
 12. Similar
 15. Peak
 20. Decay
 21. Inducement
 25. Blondie kid
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 31. Clean
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 37. Right side



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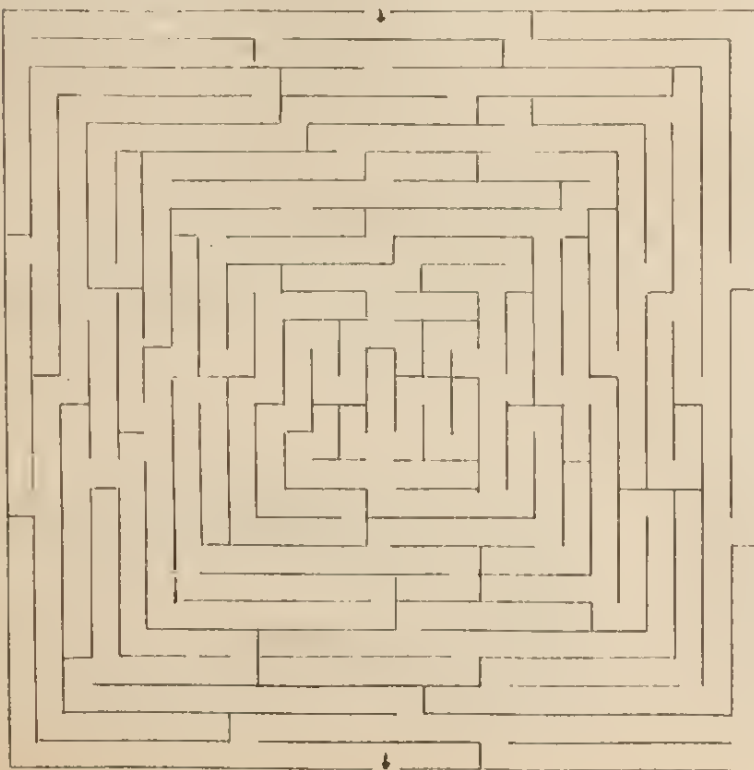
DECEMBER 1992

- *San Francisco Boys and Girls Club sponsored the third annual *Miss Sunnydale Pageant* with Shanani Bardell winning the honor.
- *Visitation Valley Middle School

officially dedicated its new gym floor Nov. 20.

- *Geneva Towers Residents' Council held a festive event to celebrate its establishment on Aug. 31.
- *Captain Harlan Wilson became captain of the Ingleside Police Station.
- *Department of Public Health Center #3 celebrated its 25th anniversary on Dec. 8.

Minute Maze



Sez Who?

Match quotes to speakers.

1. "When choosing between two evils, I always like to pick the one I never tried before."
2. "I find television very educational. Every time someone switches it on, I go into another room and read a good book."
3. "The less a man knows, the bigger the noise he makes and the higher the salary he commands."
4. "I don't know jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts."
5. "Too bad all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxicabs and cutting hair."
6. "I'm trusting in the Lord and a good lawyer."
7. "Either I've found a rope or I've lost a horse."
8. "Man consists of two parts, his mind and his body. Only the body has

more fun."

9. "My doctor gave me six months to live but when I couldn't pay the bill he gave me six months more."

- A. George Burns
- B. Woody Allen
- C. Ed Wynn
- D. Mark Twain
- E. Mae West
- F. Walter Matthau
- G. Oliver North
- H. Groucho Marx
- I. Will Rogers

ANSWERS: 1-E, 2-H, 3-D, 4-I, 5-A, 6-G, 7-C, 8-B, 9-F.

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Recipe of the Month

ANISEED CHRABELI

1-1/4 cups sugar; 2 eggs; 1-2/3 cups sifted flour; 2 tsp. aniseed, grated; 1 grated peel of 1/2 lemon

Sprinkle baking sheets with flour.

In a large bowl, beat sugar and eggs until creamy. Stir in flour. Add aniseed and lemon peel. Shape dough into 1/2 inch ropes. Cut ropes into 3-inch lengths; curve each piece into a half-moon shape. Slash outer edge of half-moon in 3 places with a sharp knife. Place on prepared baking sheets. Cover and let stand overnight at room temperature.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Bake cookies 12 to 15 minutes or until golden. Remove from baking sheets immediately; cool on rack. Makes 40 cookies.

This cookie is very hard and crisp-excellent for dunking!

Famous Birthdays

- DECEMBER
- 1: Woody Allen (1935); Dan Blocker (1932); Ray Collins (1889); David Doyle (1929); Mary Martin (1949); Una Merkel (1903); Bette Midler (1945); Richard Pryor (1940); Lou Rawls (1936); Max C. Robinson (1939); Dick Shawn (1929); Charlene Tilton (1958)
 - 2: Tracy Austin (1962); Cathy Lee Crosby (1949); Irene Dunne (1904); Charley Grapevine (1875); Adolph Green (1915); Alexander Haig (1924); Julie Harris (1925); Ed Meese (1931); Donald Woods (1904)
 - 3: Don McNeill (1907); Ozzy Osbourne (1948); Bert Parks (1914); Jo Van Fleet (1919); Andy Williams (1930)
 - 4: Max Baer, Jr. (1937); Jeff Bridges (1949); Deana Durbin (1921); Francisco Franco (1892); Buck Jones (1891); Wink Martindale (1934)
 - 5: Morgan Brittany (1951); Gen. George Custer (1839); Walt Disney (1908); Little Richard (1935); Barton MacLane (1900); Jim Messina (1947); Otto Preminger (1906); Martin Van Buren (1782)
 - 6: Ira Gershwin (1896); Wally Cox (1924); Lynn Fontanne (1887); Dorothy Kirsten (1919); Steve Wright (1955)
 - 7: Johnny Bench (1947); Larry Bird (1956); Rod Cameron (1912); Ted Knight (1923); Eli Wallach (1915)
 - 8: Gregg Allman (1947); Kim Basinger (1953); David Carradine (1936); Sammy Davis, Jr. (1925); James MacArthur (1937); Terence Morgan (1921); Sinead O'Connor (1966); John Rubenstein (1946);

- Eli Whitney (1765); Flip Wilson (1933)
- 9: Beau Bridges (1941); Dick Burkus (1942); Lee J. Cobb (1911); Broderick Crawford (1911); Emily Dickenson (1830); Morton Downey, Jr. (1933); Kirk Douglas (1916); Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. (1909); Redd Foxx (1922); Buck Henry (1930); John Mackovich (1953); Donny Osmond (1957); William Reynolds (1931); Dick Van Patten (1928)
- 10: Harold Gould (1923); Susan Dey (1952); Morton Gould (1913); Chet Huntley (1911); Dorothy Lamour (1914); Dennis Morgan (1910); Johnny Rodriguez (1951); Ten Garr (1945); Reed Hadley (1874); Jermaine Jackson (1954); Booker T. Jones (1944); Brenda Lee (1944); Jared Martin (1949); Victor McLaglen (1886); Donna Mills (1943); Rita Moreno (1931); Carlo Ponti (1913); Gilbert Roland (1905); Alexander Solzhenitsyn (1918); Marc Winsor (1924)
- 12: Ana Alicia (1957); Bob Barker (1923); Sheila E. (1959); Edwin Forrest (1872); Connie Francis (1938); Curt Jurgens (1915); Ed Koch (1924); Rush Limbaugh (1951); Helen Menken (1901); Edward G. Robinson (1893); Frank Sinatra (1915); Harry Warner (1881); Dionne Warwick (1941); Grover Washington, Jr. (1943)
- 13: John Davidson (1941); Van Heflin (1910); Ted Nugent (1948); Christopher Plummer (1929); Robert Prosky (1930); George Schultz (1920); Dick Van Dyke (1925); John Whitaker (1959)
- 14: Morey Amsterdam (1914); Patty Duke (1946); Tim Remnick (1935); Charlie Rich (1932); Hal Williams (1938)

- 15: Heidi Bohay (1959); Dave Clark (1942); Tim Conway (1933); Alan Freed (1922); Kathy Garver (1947); John Paul Getty (1892); Don Johnson (1950)
- 16: Ben Cross (1947); Margaret Mead (1901); William Refrigerator Perry (1962); Lesley Stahl (1941)
- 17: Arthur Fielder (1894); Bob Guccione (1930); William Safire (1929); Tommy Steele (1936); John Greenleaf Whittier (1809)
- 18: Lynn Bari (1913); Chas. Chandler (1938); Ty Cobb (1886); Betty Grable (1916); Leonard Maltin (1950); Brad Pitt (1963); Keith Richards (1943); Roger Smith (1932); Steven Spielberg (1947); Kiefer Sutherland (1966)
- 19: Alvin Lee (1944); Tim Reid (1944); David Suskind (1920); Cicely Tyson (1939); Robert Urich (1947)
- 20: Anita Baker (1957); Sandy Duncan (1946); George Ray Hill (1922); Little Stevie Wright (1948)
- 21: Phil Donahue (1935); Chris Evert (1954); Jane Fonda (1937); Ed Nelson (1928); Joseph Stalin (1879); Paul Winchell (1922); Frank Zappa (1940)
- 22: Barbara Billingsley (1922); Frankie Darro (1917); Hector Elizondo (1936); Lady Bird Johnson (1912); Giacomo Puccini (1858); Diane Sawyer (1945)
- 23: Jose Greco (1918); James Gregory (1911); Harry Guardino (1925); Elizabeth Hartman (1941); Ruth Roman (1923); Rod Serling (1924); Joseph Smith (1805); Leonard Stern (1923); James Stockdale (1923); Charles Waldron (1875)
- 24: Jill Babbitt (1931); Kit Carson (1809); Ava Gardner (1922); Lemmy (1945)
- 25: Humphrey Bogart (1899); Jimmy Buffett (1946); Cab

- Calloway (1907); Grace George (1879); Amy Grant (1960); Annie Lennox (1954); Barbara Mandrell (1948); Tony Martin (1913); Mike Mazurki (1909); Charles Pathe (1863); Robert Ripley (1893); Gary Sandy (1946); Sissy Spacek (1949)
- 26: Steve Allen (1921); Elsha Cook, Jr. (1903); Alan King (1927); Mao (1891); Henry Miller (1891); Phil Spector (1940); Richard Widmark (1914)
- 27: John Amos (1942); Gerard Depardieu (1948); Louis Pasteur (1822); Sydney Greenstreet (1879)
- 28: John F. Akers (1934); Lew Ayres (1908); Dorsey Burnette (1932); Bo Diddley (1928); Andrew Duggan (1923); Hubie Green (1946); Martin M. Iner (1931); Charles Neville (1938); Johnny Otis (1942); Maggie Smith (1934); Denzel Washington, Jr. (1954); Woodrow Wilson (1856); Edgar Winter (1946); Bruce Yarnell (1938)
- 29: Ted Danson (1947); Ed Flanders (1934); Marianne Faithfull (1946); Tom Jarriel (1934); Andrew Johnson (1808); Mary Tyler Moore (1937); Inga Swenson (1932); Tracey Ullman (1959); John Voight (1938); Jess Willard (1881)
- 30: Davy Jones (1945); Rudyard Kipling (1865); Jack Lord (1930); Jeff Lynne (1947); Mike Nesmith (1942); Del Shannon (1934); Patti Smith (1946); Russ Tamblyn (1935); Jo Van Fleet (1922)
- 31: Pat Brady (1914); John Denver (1943); Anthony Hopkins (1937); Val Kilmer (1959); Ben Kingsley (1943); George Marshall (1880); Tim Matheson (1948); Sarah Miles (1941); Pola Negri (1899); Odetta (1930); Jason Robards (1892); Donna Summer (1948)

December 1997

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7	8	9 p.m.	10	11	12 noon	12 30 a.m.
		Executive Park Advisory Committee			VVCC Seniors Painting Classes	Visitation Valley Task Force 50 Raymond Ave
14	15 11:30 a.m.	15 12:30 p.m.	16	17 3 p.m.	18 12 noon	19
	VVCC Seniors Shopping Day	VVCC Senior Bingo 5:30 p.m. Valley Neighborhood Collaborative		Council at VVMS USDA Surplus Food Distribution Day at VVCC	VVCC Seniors Painting Classes	
21	22 11:30 a.m.	22 12:30 p.m.	23	24	25 12 noon	26
Winter Begins	VVCC Seniors Shopping Day	VVCC Senior Bingo 4 p.m. VVCC Board Meeting	Hannukah	Christmas	VVCC Seniors Painting Classes	
28	29 11:30 a.m.	29 12:30 p.m.	30	31		
	VVCC Seniors Shopping Day	VVCC Senior Bingo	New Year's Eve			

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Show Wins National Proclaim Award

Far Heaven's Sake, a half-hour program exploring spiritual alternatives to today's problems has received the 1997 *National Proclaim Award Certificate of Merit* from the Catholic Communications Campaign in Washington, D.C. The award honored the show as one of the top religious television programs in the country.

Hosted by Father Miles Riley, *For Heaven's Sake* offers a spiritual framework for dealing with issues such as euthanasia, self-esteem, Alzheimer's disease, gang violence, Catholic voca-

tions, breast cancer and capital punishment. Recent show guests have included the Reverend Andrew Young, Billy Mills and Michael Pritchard. The show airs every other Sunday at 5 a.m. on KRON-TV, Channel 4.

Crossword Solution

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Recycle Your Tree

Recycling your Christmas tree is easier than ever. This year, TreeCycling Day is on Recycling Day. Just put your tree on the curb next to your blue recycling bin on your first recycling day after January 4th by 6 a.m. If you are an apartment resident or business, put your tree at the curb on your street's first recycling day after January 4th. If you can't recycle on your designated TreeCycling day, take your tree to one of the tree recycling locations. Call the San Francisco Recycling Hotline at 554-RECYCLE for locations and schedules.

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Same Income May Mean Lower State Taxes

The California personal income tax brackets will be indexed by 2.2 percent for the 1997 tax year, according to the Franchise Tax Board. What this means for Californians whose taxable income is unchanged from last year is that they will pay lower state income taxes when they file upcoming tax returns. Taxpayers whose income increased and generally kept pace with inflation will pay approximately the same amount of taxes that they paid last year.

Indexing takes the rate of inflation into account and adjusts tax rates and certain credits to insure that additional taxes are not paid from year to year due solely to inflation. Items affected by indexing include the filing requirement thresholds, the standard deduction, personal and dependent exemptions, tax rates and various tax credits and income deductions.

The filing requirement threshold amounts are \$8,307 of adjusted gross income and \$10,384 of gross income for single or unmarried individuals. For married couples, the amounts are \$16,614 of adjusted gross income and \$20,768 of gross income. The standard deduction will increase for single or separate taxpayers from \$2,527 to \$2,583, and for joint, surviving spouse

or head of household taxpayers from \$5,054 to \$5,166. The personal exemption will increase for single, separate or head of household taxpayers from \$67 to \$68 and for joint or surviving spouses, from \$134 to \$136. The dependent exemption credit increases from \$67 to \$68.

Tax credits affected by indexing include the Joint Custody Head of Household/Dependent Parent Credit and the Qualified Senior Head of Household Credit. The Renter's Tax Credit is once again suspended for 1997. Also affected are the income amounts used to compute reductions in exemption credits and itemized deductions for high income taxpayers.

The indexed values are computed based on the inflation rate as measured by the California Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers from June 1996 to June 1997.

VVES Students to Sing At School Auditorium

Visitation Valley Elementary School (VVMS) choral students will perform in the auditorium as part of the San Francisco Arts Education Project on Thursday, Dec. 18 at 1 p.m. Admission is free.

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How You Can Reduce Waste During the Holidays

By David Assmann
SF Recycling Program

As the holiday season gets into full swing, waste increases. Nationwide, we generate an additional 10 billion pounds of waste during the holidays. Here are some tips on how you can reduce this burden on our environment during the holiday season:

*Buy gifts that benefit the environment. These could include memberships in environmental organizations, hand-made and home-made gifts, gardening items or long-lasting "environmental" gifts like a solar battery charger with rechargeable batteries, water-conserving shower heads or ceramic mugs. For kids, consider giving an environmental excursion, like a whale-watching or camping trip; or enroll them in a holiday class at the Randall Museum (554-9600) where they can make holiday decorations and gifts from previously used materials.

*Take a canvas bag or hack pack when you go shopping. One-third of all municipal solid waste is packaging. Much of this packaging is not even needed in the first place. You can help

reduce this waste by reusing packaging and only accepting packaging when absolutely necessary. For every dollar you spend in stores, 10 cents is used to pay for packaging.

*If you are entertaining, send invitations on recycled paper, buy in bulk, and use reusable dishes and utensils. If you need paper products, buy products made from recycled paper. Set up an area to recycle cans, bottles and other recyclables at your party. Decorate with plants, flowers and reused materials instead of plastic streamers. Rent or borrow infrequently used items like punchbowls or large platters. You can also set up a sharing arrangement with neighbors for party items you may only need once or twice a year.

*Use recycled and reusable materials in your gift wrapping and packaging. Buy recycled wrapping paper, use air-popped popcorn or newspaper for packing and reuse your packing materials. You can also use reused and reusable boxes, baskets, hags and tins. Cloth napkins, dish towels, scarves, handkerchiefs and clothing can be both wrapping and gifts. Decorated paper

or grocery bags can add a personal touch. A personal quote or favorite poem adds meaning to the package. Old cards can be recycled into gift tags.

*Recycle your steel cans and glass containers (bottles and jars!). Every year, San Francisco residents throw out more than 8 million pounds of steel cans and 24 million pounds of glass containers. Remember, all tin/steel cans and all glass containers (bottles and jars) are recyclable in San Francisco's curbside and apartment recycling programs. You can also recycle your #1 and #2 plastic bottles.

*If you do purchase a tree, consider a live, potted or a reusable one. For example, the *Living Tree Company* (800-810-PINE) offers free delivery and pick-up of potted trees for about the same price as a cut tree. If you purchase a cut tree, make sure you recycle it. Put your tree on the curb on your street's first recycling day after January 4th (businesses and apartment residents are included in this program--just put trees out on your street's first recycling day after January 4th). If you want

to recycle your tree before or after your designated TreeCycling day, call the San Francisco Recycling Hotline (554-RECYcle) for a list of locations and schedules for drop-off sites.

*Be careful with holiday snapshots. One of the best ways to save film--and holiday memories--is to write legibly. Each year Kodak disposes of 400,000 rolls of film due to illegible return addresses. Also buy rolls of 36 instead of 12 exposures--you'll reduce waste by 67 percent and save about \$4, or 40 percent.

*After the holiday season is over, save your old cards, wrapping paper and packing materials for reuse. If you have Styrofoam peanuts left over, you can donate them to the nearest Mail

Boxes, etc. so that they can reuse them. You can also arrange to have your old holiday cards reused. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Jack Early, All-Year Christmas Cheer, 134 Pfeiffer St., San Francisco 94133 for a list of places around the world that reuse holiday cards. Remember to recycle your desktop calendars and other non-reusable materials. Donate unwanted clothing and gifts to thrift stores. And if you work in an office, do not throw your old desktop calendars out of the window at work--this wastes valuable resources and costs the City thousands of dollars in cleanup costs.

*Finally, call the Recycling Program 24-hour hotline at 554-RECYcle for a free copy of the *Eco Holiday Guide*.

New Documentary Latest in Series Chronicling Life in San Francisco

KRON-TV will soon premiere *San Francisco in the '80s*, a one-hour documentary about life in the San Francisco Bay Area during the 1980s.

Hosted by KRON Anchor Wendy Tokuda, *San Francisco in the '80s* is the latest in KRON's acclaimed series *San Francisco Through the Decades*. The documentary features exclusive interviews with local sports stars, political leaders and high-tech revolutionaries.

San Francisco in the 80s looks back at a time when nuclear protests were in the spotlight, local sports teams were winning world championships and Bay Area musicians were topping national charts. The PC Revolution was catching on, economic success sparked big spending, and Latinos and Asians immigrated to the Bay Area in record numbers.

Cocaine was the drug of choice, homelessness was on the rise, the outbreak of AIDS was reaching epidemic proportions, and a devastating earthquake ripped from Santa Cruz to the City, where residents joined together to rescue victims and rebuild their communities.

The documentary features interviews

with San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, former Mayor Art Agnos, Senator and former Mayor Dianne Feinstein, *Tales of the City* author Armistead Maupin, the Reverend Cecil Williams former 49ers Joe Montana and Dwight Clark, and musicians Huey Lewis, Todd Rundgren and MC Hammer.

Volunteer Orientations in January at SPCA

Help the animals by volunteering for one of the many important jobs available at the San Francisco SPCA. Volunteers are needed on an ongoing basis as cat socializers, dog walkers and adoption counselors, among others.

Volunteer orientations are held Tuesday nights and Saturday mornings. Call (415) 554-3087 for dates and times. All orientations are held at the SF/

SPCA's Educational Center at 243 Alabama St. (around the corner from our main entrance at 2500 16th St.)

PET LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

On Tuesday, Jan. 6, Dr. Betty Carmack will lead a free pet loss support group for grieving pet owners at the Education Center from 7:30-9:30 p.m. For more information, call 554-3050.

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